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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: ALLEGATION OF KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT

REF: CANBERRA 8618

1. FOLLOWING THREAT ANALYSIS RECEIVED FROM COMMONWEALTH POLICE FORCE (CPF).
2. EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES BY CPF AMONG CROATIAN CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT CORROBORATION OF ALLEGATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR HARGROVE.
3. DESPITE THE FACT THAT CROATIAN SKYJACKERS CURRENTLY AWAITING TRIAL IN THE U.S., THE CROATIANS IN AUSTRALIA GENERALLY REGARD THE U.S. AS A REFUGE AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE, ANXIOUS TO PROVOKE COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST THEIR ORGANIZATION, THE CROATIAN REVOLUTIONARY BROTHERHOOD, AS HAS HAPPENED IN WEST GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN.
4. THE ALLEGATION BY THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IS CONSIDERED TO BE A PART OF HIS MISSION IN AUSTRALIA, THAT IS, TO DISCREDIT CROATIAN NATIONALIST GROUPS. IT WOULD BE IN HIS INTEREST, THEREFORE, TO ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN IMAGE OF CROATIANS AS TERRORISTS IN THE EYES OF THE U.S.
5. BASED ON THE ABOVE, THE THREAT TO THE AMBASSADOR IS CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDERED MINIMAL. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO FORESEE

UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY UNBALANCED INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL
ISOLATED GROUPS.

6. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE CURRENTLY, OF ANY CROATIAN PROTESTS
AGAINST THE U.S. ACTIONS AGAINST THE SKYJACKERS. THAT SUCH
ACTIONS COULD OCCUR IN THE EVENT OF HEAVY SENTENCES, HOW-
EVER, CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED.

7. AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCE, WE WILL APPRECIATE BEING KEPT
INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THE TRIAL OF THE CROTIANS IN
THE U.S.
HARGROVE

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